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(57) Abstract

Cellophane wrapping (CW) of hamster pancreas induces proliferation of duct epithelial cells followed by endocrine cell differentiation and islet neogenesis. Using the mRNA differential display technique a cDNA clone expressed in cellophane wrap but not in control pancreata was identified. Using this cDNA as a probe, a cDNA library was screened and a gene not previously described was identified and named *INGAP*.

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INGAP PROTEIN INVOLVED IN PANCREATIC ISLET NEOGENESIS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Pancreatic islets of *Langerhans* are the only organ of insulin production in the body. However, they have a limited capacity for regeneration. This limited regeneration capacity predisposes mammals to develop diabetes mellitus. Thus there is a need in the art of endocrinology for products which can stimulate the regeneration of islets of *Langerhans* to prevent or ameliorate the symptoms of diabetes mellitus.

One model of pancreatic islet cell regeneration involves cellophane-wrapping of the pancreas in the Syrian golden hamster (1). Wrapping of the pancreas induces the formation of new endocrine cells which appear to arise from duct epithelium (2-4). There is a need in the art to identify and isolate the factor(s) which is responsible for islet cell regeneration.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the invention to provide a preparation of a mammalian protein or polypeptide portions thereof involved in islet cell neogenesis.

It is another object of the invention to provide a DNA molecule encoding a mammalian protein involved in islet cell neogenesis.

It is yet another object of the invention to provide a preparation of a mammalian INGAP (islet neogenesis associated protein) protein.

It is still another object of the invention to provide nucleotide probes for detecting mammalian genes involved in islet cell neogenesis.

It is an object of the invention to provide a method for isolation of INGAP genes from a mammal.

It is another object of the invention to provide an antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with an INGAP protein.

It is yet another object of the invention to provide methods of producing INGAP proteins.

It is an object of the invention to provide methods for treating diabetic mammals.

It is another object of the invention to provide methods for growing pancreatic islet cells in culture.

It is still another object of the invention to provide methods of enhancing the life span of pancreatic islet cells encapsulated in polycarbon shells.

It is an object of the invention to provide methods of enhancing the number of pancreatic islet cells in a mammal.

It is an object of the invention to provide transgenic mammals.

It is another object of the invention to provide genetically engineered mammals.

It is yet another object of the invention to provide methods of identifying individual mammals at risk for diabetes.

It is an object of the invention to provide methods of detecting INGAP protein in a sample from a mammal.

It is still another object of the invention to provide a method of treating isolated islet cells to avoid apoptosis.

It is another object of the invention to provide methods of treating mammals receiving islet cell transplants.

It is an object of the invention to provide a method of inducing differentiation of β cell progenitors.

It is an object of the invention to provide a method of identifying β cell progenitors.

It is another object of the invention to provide a method of treating a mammal with pancreatic endocrine failure.

It is an object of the invention to provide antisense constructs for regulating the expression of *INGAP*.

It is yet another object of the invention to provide a method for treating nesidioblastosis.

It is still another object of the invention to provide kits for detecting mammalian INGAP proteins.

It is an object of the invention to provide pharmaceutical compositions for treatment of pancreatic insufficiency.

These and other objects of the invention are provided by one or more of the embodiments described below.

In one embodiment a preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein is provided. The preparation is substantially free of other mammalian proteins.

In another embodiment an isolated cDNA molecule is provided. The cDNA molecule encodes a mammalian INGAP protein.

In still another embodiment of the invention a preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein is provided. The preparation is made by the process of:

inducing mammalian pancreatic cells to express INGAP protein by cellophane-wrapping; and

purifying said INGAP protein from said induced mammalian pancreatic cells.

In yet another embodiment of the invention a nucleotide probe is provided. The probe comprises at least 20 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

In another embodiment of the invention a preparation of INGAP protein of a mammal is provided. The preparation is substantially purified from other proteins of the mammal. The INGAP protein is inducible upon cellophane-wrapping of pancreas of the mammal.

In yet another embodiment of the invention a method of isolating an *INGAP* gene from a mammal is provided. The method comprises:

hybridizing one or more oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 to genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal;

identifying DNA molecules from said genomic DNA or cDNA which hybridize to said one or more oligonucleotides.

In still another embodiment of the invention an isolated cDNA molecule is provided. The cDNA molecule is obtained by the process of:

hybridizing one or more oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 to genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal;

identifying DNA molecules from said genomic DNA or cDNA which hybridize to said one or more oligonucleotides.

In another embodiment of the invention an antibody is provided. The antibody is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian INGAP protein.

According to still another embodiment of the invention a method of producing a mammalian INGAP protein is provided. The method comprises the steps of:

providing a host cell transformed with a cDNA encoding a mammalian INGAP protein;

culturing the host cell in a nutrient medium so that the INGAP protein is expressed; and

harvesting the INGAP protein from the host cell or the nutrient medium.

According to yet another embodiment of the invention a method of producing a mammalian INGAP protein is provided. The method comprises the steps of:

providing a host cell comprising a DNA molecule obtained by the process of:

hybridizing one or more oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 to genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal;

identifying DNA molecules from said genomic DNA or cDNA which hybridize to said one or more oligonucleotides;

culturing the host cell in a nutrient medium so that the mammalian INGAP protein is expressed; and

harvesting the mammalian INGAP protein from the host cells or the nutrient medium.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of treating diabetic mammals is provided. The method comprises:

administering to a diabetic mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an INGAP protein to stimulate growth of islet cells.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of growing pancreatic islet cells in culture is provided. The method comprises:

supplying an INGAP protein to a culture medium for growing pancreatic islet cells; and

growing islet cells in said culture medium comprising INGAP protein.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of enhancing the life span of pancreatic islet cells encapsulated in a polycarbon shell is provided. The method comprises:

adding to encapsulated pancreatic islet cells an INGAP protein in an amount sufficient to enhance the survival rate or survival time of said pancreatic islet cells.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of enhancing the number of pancreatic islet cells in a mammal is provided. The method comprises:

administering a DNA molecule which encodes an INGAP protein to a pancreas in a mammal.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of enhancing the number of pancreatic islet cells in a mammal is provided. The method comprises:

administering an INGAP protein to a pancreas in a mammal.

According to another embodiment of the invention a transgenic mammal is provided. The mammal comprises an *INGAP* gene of a second mammal.

According to another embodiment of the invention a non-human mammal is provided. The mammal has been genetically engineered to contain an insertion or deletion mutation of an *INGAP* gene of said mammal.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of identifying individual mammals at risk for diabetes is provided. The method comprises:

identifying a mutation in an *INGAP* gene of a sample of an individual mammal, said mutation causing a structural abnormality in an *INGAP* protein encoded by said gene or causing a regulatory defect leading to diminished or obliterated expression of said *INGAP* gene.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of detecting *INGAP* protein in a sample from a mammal is provided. The method comprises:

contacting said sample with an antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian *INGAP* protein.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of treating isolated islet cells of a mammal to avoid apoptosis of said cells is provided. The method comprises:

contacting isolated islet cells of a mammal with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein, substantially purified from other mammalian proteins, in an amount sufficient to increase the survival rate of said isolated islet cells.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of treating a mammal receiving a transplant of islet cells is provided. The method comprises:

administering a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein to a mammal receiving a transplant of islet cells, wherein said step of administering is performed before, during, or after said transplant.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of inducing differentiation of β cell progenitors is provided. The method comprises:

contacting a culture of pancreatic duct cells comprising β cell progenitors with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins, to induce differentiation of said β cell progenitors.

In yet another embodiment of the invention a method is provided for identification of β cell progenitors. The method comprises:

contacting a population of pancreatic duct cells with a mammalian *INGAP* protein; and

detecting cells among said population to which said *INGAP* protein specifically binds.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of treating a mammal with pancreatic endocrine failure is provided. The method comprises:

contacting a preparation of pancreatic duct cells comprising β cell progenitors isolated from a mammal afflicted with pancreatic endocrine failure with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins to induce differentiation of said β cell progenitors; and autologously transplanting said treated pancreatic duct cells into said mammal.

According to another embodiment of the invention an antisense construct of a mammalian *INGAP* gene is provided. The construct comprises:

a promoter, a terminator, and a nucleotide sequence consisting of a mammalian *INGAP* gene, said nucleotide sequence being between said promoter and said terminator, said nucleotide sequence being inverted with respect to said promoter, whereby upon expression from said promoter an mRNA complementary to native mammalian *INGAP* mRNA is produced.

According to another embodiment of the invention a method of treating nesidioblastosis is provided. The method comprises:

administering to a mammal with nesidioblastosis an antisense construct as described above, whereby overgrowth of β cells of said mammal is inhibited.

According to another embodiment of the invention a kit for detecting a mammalian INGAP protein in a sample from a mammal is provided. The kit comprises:

an antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian INGAP protein; and

a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian INGAP protein.

According to another embodiment of the invention a pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pancreatic insufficiency is provided. The composition comprises:

a mammalian INGAP protein in a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

According to another embodiment of the invention a pharmaceutical composition is provided. The composition comprises:

a preparation of a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian INGAP protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

These and other embodiments of the invention provide the art with means of stimulating and inhibiting islet cell neogenesis. Means of diagnosis of subsets of diabetes mellitus are also provided by this invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1. *Nucleotide sequence of hamster INGAP and deduced sequence of encoded immature protein. The non-coding sequences are in lower case letters, and the polyadenylation signal is underlined.*

Figure 2. *Comparison of amino acid sequences of INGAP, rat PAP-I (PAP-I) (18), Human PAP/HIP (PAP-H/HIP)(10,11), rat PAP-III (PAP-III)(9), rat PAP-II (PAP-II)(8), Rat Reg/PSP/Lithostatine (REG/LITH)(13,15) and the*

invariable motif found by Drickamer in all members of C-type lectins (Drickamer) (12). Six conserved cysteines are marked by asterisks and the 2 putative *N*-glycosylation sites of *INGAP* are underlined and in bold letters.

Figure 3. Northern blot analysis of *INGAP* and amylase gene expression in pancreatic tissue from control and wrapped hamster pancreas. 30 g of heat denatured total RNA was separated by electrophoresis on a 1.2% agarose, 0.6% formaldehyde/MOPS denaturing gel, and transferred to nylon membrane. Membranes were hybridized with a 747bp hamster *INGAP* cDNA probe (cloned in our lab) (A), a 1000bp rat amylase cDNA probe (generously given by Chris Newgard Dallas, Texas) (B) and with an 18S ribosomal 24mer synthetic oligonucleotide probe to control for RNA integrity and loading (C).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

We now report the identification of a gene, *INGAP*, that shows striking homology to the pancreatitis associated protein (PAP) family of genes (7-11). The predicted protein shares the carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD) of the calcium dependent C-type lectins as defined by Drickamer (12). *INGAP* protein plays a role in stimulation of islet neogenesis, in particular, in beta cell regeneration from ductal cells.

The cDNA sequence of a mammalian *INGAP* is provided in SEQ ID NO:

1. The predicted amino acid sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:2. These sequences were determined from nucleic acids isolated from hamster, but it is believed that other mammalian species will contain *INGAP* genes which are quite similar. Human *INGAP* cDNA shares the sequence from 23 to 268, and from 389 to 609 in SEQ ID NO:1 with a 159 bp gap in the middle of the sequence. The predicted amino acid sequence of human *INGAP* protein is from 1 to 83, and from 124 to 174 in SEQ ID NO:2 with 53 amino acids in the middle of the sequence. One would expect homologous genes to contain at least about 70% identity. Closer species would be expected to have at least about 75%, 80%, or even 85%

identity. In contrast, other family members of the calcium dependent C-type lectins contain at most 60% identity with *INGAP*.

The DNA sequence provided herein can be used to form vectors which will replicate the gene in a host cell, and may also express *INGAP* protein. DNA sequences which encode the same amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 can also be used, without departing from the contemplation of the invention. DNA sequences coding for other mammalian *INGAP*s are also within the contemplation of the invention. Suitable vectors, for both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, are known in the art. Some vectors are specifically designed to effect expression of inserted DNA segments downstream from a transcriptional and translational control site. One such vector for expression in eukaryotic cells employs EBNA His, a plasmid which is available commercially from InVitrogen Corp. The loaded vector produces a fusion protein comprising a portion of a histidine biosynthetic enzyme and *INGAP*. Another vector, which is suitable for use in prokaryotic cells, is pCDNA3. Selection of a vector for a particular purpose may be made using knowledge of the properties and features of the vectors, such as useful expression control sequences. Vectors may be used to transform or transfect host cells, either stably or transiently. Methods of transformation and transfection are known in the art, and may be used according to suitability for a particular host cell. Host cells may be selected according to the purpose of the transfection. A suitable prokaryotic host is *E. coli* DH5 α . A suitable eukaryotic host is cos7, an African Green Monkey kidney cell line. For some purposes, proper glycosylation of *INGAP* may be desired, in which case a suitable host cell should be used which recognizes the glycosylation signal of *INGAP*.

Probes comprising at least 10, 15, 20, or 30 nucleotides of contiguous sequence according to SEQ ID NO:1 can be used for identifying *INGAP* genes in particular individuals or in members of other species. Appropriate conditions for hybridizations to same or different species' DNA are known in the art as high stringency and low stringency, respectively. These can be used in a variety of

formats according to the desired use. For example, Southern blots, Northern blots, and *in situ* colony hybridization, can be used as these are known in the art. Probes typically are DNA or RNA oligomers of at least 10, 15, 20, or 30 nucleotides. The probe may be labeled with any detectable moiety known in the art, including radiolabels, fluorescent labels, enzymes, etc. Probes may also be derived from other mammalian *INGAP* gene sequences.

INGAP genes can be isolated from other mammals by utilizing the nucleotide sequence information provided herein. (More laboriously, they can be isolated using the same method described in detail below for isolation of the hamster *INGAP* gene.) Oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the disclosed nucleotide sequence of *INGAP* are hybridized to genomic DNA or cDNA of the mammal. The DNA may conveniently be in the form of a library of clones. The oligonucleotides may be labelled with any convenient label, such as a radiolabel or an enzymatic or fluorescence label. DNA molecules which hybridize to the probe are isolated. Complete genes can be constructed by isolating overlapping DNA segments, for example using the first isolated DNA as a probe to contiguous DNA in the library or preparation of the mammal's DNA. Confirmation of the identity of the isolated DNA can be made by observation of the pattern of expression of the gene in the pancreas when subjected to cellophane wrapping, for example. Similarly, the biological effect of the encoded product upon pancreatic ductal cells will also serve to identify the gene as an *INGAP* gene.

If two oligonucleotides are hybridized to the genomic DNA or cDNA of the mammal then they can be used as primers for DNA synthesis, for example using the polymerase chain reaction or the ligase chain reaction. Construction of a full-length gene and confirmation of the identity of the isolated gene can be performed as described above.

INGAP protein may be isolated according to the invention by inducing mammalian pancreatic cells to express *INGAP* protein by means of cellophane-

wrapping. This technique is described in detail in reference no. 1 which is expressly incorporated herein. INGAP protein so produced may be purified from other mammalian proteins by means of immunoaffinity techniques, for example, or other techniques known in the art of protein purification. An antibody specific for a mammalian INGAP is produced using all, or fragments of, the amino acid sequence of an INGAP protein, such as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, as immunogens. The immunogens can be used to identify and purify immunoreactive antibodies. Monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies can be made as is well known in the art. The antibodies can be conjugated to other moieties, such as detectable labels or solid support materials. Such antibodies can be used to purify proteins isolated from mammalian pancreatic cells or from recombinant cells. Hybridomas which secrete specific antibodies for an INGAP protein are also within the contemplation of the invention.

Host cells as described above can be used to produce a mammalian INGAP protein. The host cells comprise a DNA molecule encoding a mammalian INGAP protein. The DNA can be according to SEQ ID NO:1, or isolated from other mammals according to methods described above. Host cells can be cultured in a nutrient medium under conditions where INGAP protein is expressed. INGAP protein can be isolated from the host cells or the nutrient medium, if the INGAP protein is secreted from the host cells.

It has now been found that INGAP and fragments thereof are capable of inducing and stimulating islet cells to grow. Moreover, they are capable of inducing differentiation of pancreatic duct cells, and of allowing such cells to avoid the apoptotic pathway. Thus many therapeutic modalities are now possible using INGAP, fragments thereof, and nucleotide sequences encoding INGAP. Therapeutically effective amounts of INGAP are supplied to patient pancreata, to isolated islet cells, and to encapsulated pancreatic islet cells, such as in a polycarbon shell. Suitable amounts of INGAP for therapeutic purposes range from 1-150 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ of body weight or *in vitro* from 1-10,000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. Optimization of

such dosages can be ascertained by routine testing. Methods of administering INGAP to mammals can be any that are known in the art, including subcutaneous, via the portal vein, by local perfusion, etc.

Conditions which can be treated according to the invention by supplying INGAP include diabetes mellitus, both insulin dependent and non-insulin dependent, pancreatic insufficiency, pancreatic failure, etc. Inhibition of INGAP expression can be used to treat nesidioblastosis.

According to the present invention, it has now been found that a small portion of INGAP is sufficient to confer biological activity. A fragment of 20 amino acids of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, from amino acid #103-#122 is sufficient to stimulate pancreatic ductal cells to grow and proliferate. The effect has been seen on a rat tumor duct cell line, a hamster duct cell line, a hamster insulinoma cell line, and a rat insulinoma cell line. The analogous portions of other mammalian INGAP proteins are quite likely to have the same activity. This portion of the protein is not similar to other members of the pancreatitis associated protein (PAP) family of proteins. It contains a glycosylation site and it is likely to be a primary antigenic site of the protein as well. This fragment has been used to immunize mice to generate monoclonal antibodies.

The physiological site of expression of INGAP has been determined. INGAP is expressed in acinar tissue, in the exocrine portion of the pancreas. It is not expressed in ductal or islet cells, *i.e.*, the paracrine portion of the pancreas. Expression occurs within 24-48 hours of induction by means of cellophane wrapping.

Transgenic animals according to the present invention are mammals which carry an *INGAP* gene from a different mammal. The transgene can be expressed to a higher level than the endogenous *INGAP* genes by judicious choice of transcription regulatory regions. Methods for making transgenic animals are well-known in the art, and any such method can be used. Animals which have been genetically engineered to carry insertions, deletions, or other mutations which alter

the structure of the *INGAP* protein or regulation of expression of *INGAP* are also contemplated by this invention. The techniques for effecting these mutations are known in the art.

Diagnostic assays are also contemplated within the scope of the present invention. Mutations in *INGAP* can be ascertained in samples such as blood, amniotic fluid, chorionic villus, blastocyst, and pancreatic cells. Such mutations identify individuals who are at risk for diabetes. Mutations can be identified by comparing the nucleotide sequence to a wild-type sequence of an *INGAP* gene. This can be accomplished by any technique known in the art, including comparing restriction fragment length polymorphisms, comparing polymerase chain reaction products, nuclease protection assays, etc. Alternatively, altered proteins can be identified, *e.g.*, immunologically or biologically.

The present invention also contemplates the use of *INGAP* antisense constructs for treating nesidioblastosis, a condition characterized by overgrowth of β cells. The antisense construct is administered to a mammal having nesidioblastosis, thereby inhibiting the overgrowth of β cells. An antisense construct typically comprises a promoter, a terminator, and a nucleotide sequence consisting of a mammalian *INGAP* gene. The *INGAP* sequence is between the promoter and the terminator and is inverted with respect to the promoter as it is expressed naturally. Upon expression from the promoter, an mRNA complementary to native mammalian *INGAP* is produced.

Immunological methods for assaying *INGAP* in a sample from a mammal are useful, for example, to monitor the therapeutic administration of *INGAP*. Typically an antibody specific for *INGAP* will be contacted with the sample and the binding between the antibody and any *INGAP* in the sample will be detected. This can be by means of a competitive binding assay, in which the incubation mixture is spiked with a known amount of a standard *INGAP* preparation, which may conveniently be detectably labeled. Alternatively, a polypeptide fragment of *INGAP* may be used as a competitor. In one particular assay format, the

antibodies are bound to a solid phase or support, such as a bead, polymer matrix, or a microtiter plate.

According to the present invention, pancreatic duct cells of a mammal with pancreatic endocrine failure can be removed from the body and treated *in vitro*. The duct cells typically comprise β cell progenitors. Thus treatment with a preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein will induce differentiation of the β cell progenitors. The duct cells are contacted with a preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins. The treated cells can then be used as an autologous transplant into the mammal from whom they were derived. Such an autologous treatment minimizes adverse host versus graft reactions involved in transplants.

INGAP protein can also be used to identify those cells which bear receptors for INGAP. Such cells are likely to be the β cell progenitors, which are sensitive to the biological effects of INGAP. INGAP protein can be detectably labeled, such as with a radiolabel or a fluorescent label, and then contacted with a population of cells from the pancreatic duct. Cells which bind to the labeled protein will be identified as those which bear receptors for INGAP, and thus are β cell progenitors. Fragments of INGAP can also be used for this purpose, as can immobilized INGAP which can be used to separate cells from a mixed population of cells to a solid support. INGAP can be immobilized to solid phase or support by adsorption to a surface, by means of an antibody, or by conjugation. Any other means as is known in the art can also be used.

Kits are provided by the present invention for detecting a mammalian INGAP protein in a sample. This may be useful, *inter alia*, for monitoring metabolism of INGAP during therapy which involves administration of INGAP to a mammal. The kit will typically contain an antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian INGAP protein. The antibodies may be polyclonal or monoclonal. If polyclonal they may be affinity purified to render them monospecific. The kit will also typically contain a polypeptide which

has at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian INGAP protein. The polypeptide is used to compete with the INGAP protein in a sample for binding to the antibody. Desirably the polypeptide will be detectably labeled. The polypeptide will contain the portion of INGAP to which the antibody binds. Thus if the antibody is monoclonal, the polypeptide will successfully compete with INGAP by virtue of it containing the epitope of the antibody. It may also be desirable that the antibodies be bound to a solid phase or support, such as polymeric beads, sticks, plates, etc.

Pharmaceutical compositions containing a mammalian INGAP protein may be used for treatment of pancreatic insufficiency. The composition may alternatively contain a polypeptide which contains a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian INGAP protein. The polypeptide will contain a portion of INGAP which is biologically active in the absence of the other portions of the protein. The polypeptide may be part of a larger protein, such as a genetic fusion with a second protein or polypeptide. Alternatively, the polypeptide may be conjugated to a second protein, for example, by means of a cross-linking agent. Suitable portions of INGAP proteins may be determined by homology with amino acids #103 to #122 of SEQ ID NO:2, or by the ability of test polypeptides to stimulate pancreatic duct cells to grow and proliferate. As is known in the art, it is often the case that a relatively small number of amino acids can be removed from either end of a protein without destroying activity. Thus it is contemplated within the scope of the invention that up to about 10% of the protein can be deleted, and still provide essentially all functions of INGAP. Such proteins have at least about 130 amino acids, in the case of hamster INGAP.

The pharmaceutical composition will contain a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier. A liquid formulation is generally preferred. INGAP may be formulated at different concentrations or using different formulants. For example, these formulants may include oils, polymers, vitamins, carbohydrates, amino acids, salts, buffers, albumin, surfactants, or bulking agents. Preferably

carbohydrates include sugar or sugar alcohols such as mono-, di-, or polysaccharides, or water soluble glucans. The saccharides or glucans can include fructose, dextrose, lactose, glucose, mannose, sorbose, xylose, maltose, sucrose, dextran, pullulan, dextrin, alpha and beta cyclodextrin, soluble starch, hydroxethyl starch and carboxymethylcellulose, or mixtures thereof. Sucrose is most preferred. Sugar alcohol is defined as a C₄ to C₈ hydrocarbon having an -OH group and includes galactitol, inositol, mannitol, xylitol, sorbitol, glycerol, and arabitol. Mannitol is most preferred. These sugars or sugar alcohols mentioned above may be used individually or in combination. There is no fixed limit to amount used as long as the sugar or sugar alcohol is soluble in the aqueous preparation. Preferably, the sugar or sugar alcohol concentration is between 1.0 w/v% and 7.0 w/v%, more preferable between 2.0 and 6.0 w/v%. Preferably amino acids include levorotary (L) forms of carnitine, arginine, and betaine; however, other amino acids may be added. Preferred polymers include polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) with an average molecular weight between 2,000 and 3,000, or polyethylene glycol (PEG) with an average molecular weight between 3,000 and 5,000. It is also preferred to use a buffer in the composition to minimize pH changes in the solution before lyophilization or after reconstitution, if these are used. Most any physiological buffer may be used, but citrate, phosphate, succinate, and glutamate buffers or mixtures thereof are preferred. Preferably, the concentration is from 0.01 to 0.3 molar. Surfactants can also be added to the formulation.

Additionally, INGAP or polypeptide portions thereof can be chemically modified by covalent conjugation to a polymer to increase its circulating half-life, for example. Preferred polymers, and methods to attach them to peptides, are shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,766,106, 4,179,337, 4,495,285, and 4,609,546. Preferred polymers are polyoxyethylated polyols and polyethylene glycol (PEG). PEG is soluble in water at room temperature and has the general formula: $R(O-CH_2-CH_2)_nO-R$ where R can be hydrogen, or a protective group such as an alkyl

or alkanol group. Preferably, the protective group has between 1 and 8 carbons, more preferably it is methyl. The symbol n is a positive integer, preferably between 1 and 1,000, more preferably between 2 and 500. The PEG has a preferred average molecular weight between 1000 and 40,000, more preferably between 2000 and 20,000, most preferably between 3,000 and 12,000. Preferably, PEG has at least one hydroxy group, more preferably it is a terminal hydroxy group. It is this hydroxy group which is preferably activated to react with a free amino group on the inhibitor.

After the liquid pharmaceutical composition is prepared, it is preferably lyophilized to prevent degradation and to preserve sterility. Methods for lyophilizing liquid compositions are known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Just prior to use, the composition may be reconstituted with a sterile diluent (Ringer's solution, distilled water, or sterile saline, for example) which may include additional ingredients. Upon reconstitution, the composition is preferably administered to subjects using those methods that are known to those skilled in the art.

The following examples are not intended to limit the scope of the invention, but merely to exemplify that which is taught above.

Examples

Example 1

This example describes the cloning and isolation of a cDNA encoding a novel, developmentally regulated, pancreatic protein.

We hypothesized that a unique locally produced factor(s) is responsible for islet cell regeneration. Using the recently developed mRNA differential display technique (5,6) to compare genes differentially expressed in cellophane wrapped (CW) versus control pancreata (CP) allowed us to identify a cDNA clone (RD19-2) which was uniquely expressed in cellophane wrapped pancreas.

A cDNA library was constructed from mRNA isolated from cellophane wrapped hamster pancreas using oligo d(T) primed synthesis, and ligation into pcDNA3 vector (Invitrogen). The number of primary recombinants in the library was 1.2×10^6 with an average size of 1.1 kb. The cDNA library was screened for clones of interest using high density colony plating techniques. Colonies were lifted onto nylon membranes (Schleicher & Schuell) and further digested with proteinase K (50(g/ml). Treated membranes were baked at 80°C for 1 hour and hybridized at 50°C for 16-18 hours with $1-5 \times 10^6$ cpm/ml of [³²P]-dCTP(Dupont-New England Nuclear) radiolabeled RD19-2 probe. Colonies with a positive hybridization signal were isolated, compared for size with Northern mRNA transcript, and sequenced to confirm identity with the RD19-2 sequence.

Example 2

This example compares the sequence of INGAP to other proteins with which it shares homology.

The nucleotide sequence of the hamster *INGAP* clone with the longest cDNA insert was determined. As shown in Figure 1 the hamster cDNA comprises 747 nucleotides (nt), exclusive of the poly(A) tail and contains a major open reading frame encoding a 175 amino acid protein. The open reading frame is followed by a 3'-untranslated region of 206nt. A typical polyadenylation signal is present 11nt upstream of the poly(A) tail. The predicted INGAP protein shows structural homology to both the PAP/HIP family of genes which is associated with pancreatitis or liver adenocarcinoma (7-11) and the Reg/PSP/lithostatine family of genes (13,15) which has been shown to stimulate pancreatic beta-cell growth (14) and might play a role in pancreatic islet regeneration. Comparison of the nucleotide sequence and their deduced amino acids between hamster INGAP and rat PAP-I shows a high degree of homology in the coding region (60 and 58% in nucleotide and amino acid sequences, respectively). The predicted amino acid sequence of the hamster INGAP reveals 45% identity to PAP II and 50% to PAP III both of which have been associated with acute pancreatitis, and 54% to HIP

which was found in a hepato-cellular carcinoma. *INGAP* also shows 40% identity to the rat Reg/PSP/lithostatine protein (Fig. 2). Reg is thought to be identical to the pancreatic stone protein (PSP) (15,16) or pancreatic thread protein (PTP) (17). The *N*-terminus of the predicted sequence of *INGAP* protein is highly hydrophobic which makes it a good candidate for being the signal peptide which would allow the protein to be secreted. Similar to PAP/HIP but different from the Reg/PSP/lithostatine proteins a potential *N*-glycosylation site is situated at position 135 of the *INGAP* sequence. Unique to *INGAP* is another potential *N*-glycosylation site situated at position 115. *INGAP* also shows a high degree of homology (12/18) (Fig. 2) with a consensus motif in members of the calcium-dependent (C-type) animal lectin as determined by Drickamer including four perfectly conserved cysteines which form two disulfide bonds (12). Two extra cysteines found at the amino-terminus of *INGAP* (Fig. 2) are also present in Reg/PSP and PAP/HIP. However, it is not clear what the biological significance might be.

Example 3

This example demonstrates the temporal expression pattern of *INGAP* upon cellophane-wrapping.

In order to determine the temporal expression of the *INGAP* gene, total RNA extracted from CP and CW pancreas was probed with the hamster *INGAP* cDNA clone in Northern blot analysis. A strong single transcript of 900bp was detected (Fig. 3) 1 and 2 days after cellophane wrapping which disappeared by 6 through 42 days and was absent from CP. *INGAP* mRNA is associated with CW induced pancreatic islet neogenesis, since it is present only after CW. It is not likely that the increased expression of *INGAP* is associated with acute pancreatitis as is the case with the PAP family of genes. During the acute phase of pancreatitis the concentrations of most mRNAs encoding pancreatic enzymes including amylase are decreased significantly (16,18). In contrast, in the CW model of islet neogenesis in which high expression of *INGAP* has been detected,

amylase gene expression was simultaneously increased above normal (Fig. 3) rather than decreased, suggesting that *INGAP* expression is not associated with pancreatitis but rather with islet neogenesis. The cause of increased amylase gene expression 1 and 2 days after CW is as yet unclear, and more studies need to be done to elucidate this issue. It is unlikely though, that the increase is associated with exocrine cell regeneration which occurs at a later time after CW (19). Thus, *INGAP* protein plays a role in stimulation of islet neogenesis, in particular, in beta cell regeneration from ductal cells.

Example 4

This example describes the cloning and partial sequence of a human cDNA encoding *INGAP* protein.

Human polyA⁺ RNA was isolated from a normal human pancreas using a commercially available polyA⁺ extraction kit from Qiagen. Subsequently, 500 ng polyA⁺ RNA was used as a template for reverse transcription and polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). The experimental conditions were set according to the instructions in the RT-PCR kit from Perkin Elmer. Oligo d(T) was used as the primer in reverse transcription. Primers corresponding to nucleotides 4 to 23 and 610 to 629 in SEQ ID NO:1 were used as the specific primers in the polymerase chain reaction. A 626 bp PCR fragment was cloned using a TA cloning kit from Invitrogen. The partial sequence of the human clone comprises 466 bp with a 120 bp gap in the middle of the sequence. The human *INGAP* cDNA is 100% identical to the hamster *INGAP* cDNA sequence from nucleotide 4 to 268, and from nucleotide 289 to 629 in SEQ ID NO:1. The sequence of the 120 bp in the middle is as yet unidentified.

Example 5

This example demonstrates that synthetic peptides from *INGAP* play a role in stimulation of islet neogenesis, and that at least one epitope coded by the as yet unsequenced 120 bp segment of human *INGAP* is shared with hamster *INGAP*.

A synthetic peptide corresponding to amino acids 104-118 in SEQ ID NO:2 of the deduced hamster *INGAP* protein was used as an immunogen to raise polyclonal antibodies in a rabbit. The antiserum was subsequently used in immunohistochemistry assays using the avidin-biotin complex (ABC) method. Cells in the peri-islet region in humans with neo-islet formation stained positively for *INGAP* demonstrating that human and hamster *INGAP* share a common epitope between amino acids 104 to 118 in SEQ ID NO:2.

The same synthetic peptide was tested for its ability to stimulate ^3H -thymidine incorporation into rat pancreatic tumor duct cells (ARIP) and hamster insulinoma tumor cells (HIT). $10\mu\text{Ci}$ of ^3H -thymidine at 80.4 Ci/mmol concentration was added to approximate 10^6 cells cultured in Ham's F-12K media. After 24 hrs, the cells were harvested and solubilized. Differential precipitation of the nucleic acids with trichloroacetic acid (TCA) was performed according to the procedure modified by Rosenberg et al. and the ^3H -thymidine proportion incorporated was calculated. Addition of the synthetic peptide to ARIP in culture resulted in a 2.4-fold increase in ^3H -thymidine incorporation comparing to the absence of the synthetic peptide in the culture. The synthetic peptide had no effect on the control cell line HIT. This result strongly suggests that *INGAP* plays a role in stimulating islet neogenesis.

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 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 - (A) ORGANISM: Cricetulus

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(B) LOCATION: 20..541

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Rattus rattus

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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
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- (A) ORGANISM: Rattus rattus

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
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CLAIMS

1. A preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins.
2. The preparation of claim 1 wherein the INGAP protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.
3. A preparation of a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian INGAP protein.
4. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide is a fusion of said sequence to a second polypeptide derived from a second protein.
5. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide is conjugated to a second polypeptide.
6. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide is conjugated to a solid support.
7. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity of said mammalian INGAP protein.
8. The preparation of claim 7 wherein said biological activity is the ability to stimulate pancreatic duct cells to grow and proliferate.
9. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide comprises amino acids #103 to #122 of the mammalian INGAP protein as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.
10. The preparation of claim 3 wherein said polypeptide comprises at least 130 consecutive amino acids of said mammalian INGAP protein.
11. An isolated DNA molecule encoding a mammalian INGAP protein.
12. The DNA molecule of claim 11 wherein the INGAP protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.
13. The DNA molecule of claim 11 wherein the INGAP protein has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.
14. A vector comprising the DNA of claim 11.

15. The vector of claim 14 further comprising expression control sequences, whereby said DNA is expressed in a host cell.
16. The vector of claim 15 which comprises a EBNA His plasmid.
17. A host cell transformed with the DNA of claim 11.
18. A host cell transformed with the vector of claim 14.
19. The host cell of claim 17 which is a cos7, African Green Monkey kidney cell.
20. A preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein made by the process of:
 - inducing mammalian pancreatic cells to express INGAP protein by cellophane-wrapping; and
 - purifying said INGAP protein from said induced mammalian pancreatic cells.
21. A nucleotide probe comprising at least 20 contiguous nucleotides of a mammalian *INGAP* gene.
22. The nucleotide probe of claim 21 wherein the mammalian *INGAP* gene has the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.
23. The nucleotide probe of claim 21 wherein said probe is labeled with a detectable moiety.
24. A DNA molecule comprising at least 20 contiguous nucleotides of a mammalian *INGAP* gene.
25. The DNA molecule of claim 24 wherein the mammalian *INGAP* gene has the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.
26. The DNA molecule of claim 24 wherein said molecule is labeled with a detectable moiety.
27. A preparation of an INGAP protein of a mammal substantially purified from other proteins of the mammal wherein said INGAP protein is inducible upon cellophane-wrapping of pancreas of the mammal.
28. A method of isolating an *INGAP* gene from a mammal, comprising:

hybridizing one or more oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 to genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal;

identifying DNA molecules from said genomic DNA or cDNA which hybridize to said one or more oligonucleotides.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein two oligonucleotides are hybridized to said genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal and said oligonucleotides are used as primers in a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to synthesize *INGAP* nucleotides from the mammal.

30. The method of claim 28 wherein said one or more oligonucleotides are labelled.

31. The method of claim 28 wherein said genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal used in said step of hybridizing is in the form of a library of molecular clones.

32. An isolated cDNA molecule obtained by the process of:
hybridizing one or more oligonucleotides comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 to genomic DNA or cDNA of said mammal;

identifying DNA molecules from said genomic DNA or cDNA which hybridize to said one or more oligonucleotides.

33. An antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian *INGAP* protein.

34. The antibody preparation of claim 33 wherein said mammalian *INGAP* protein has an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

35. The antibody preparation of claim 33 which is polyclonal.

36. The antibody preparation of claim 33 which is monoclonal.

37. The antibody preparation of claim 33 comprising antibodies which are bound to a solid phase.

38. A hybridoma which produces antibodies which are specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian INGAP protein.

39. A method of producing a mammalian INGAP protein, comprising the steps of:

providing a host cell according to claim 17;

culturing the host cell in a nutrient medium so that the INGAP protein is expressed; and

harvesting the INGAP protein from the host cells or the nutrient medium.

40. A method of producing a mammalian INGAP protein, comprising the steps of:

providing a host cell comprising the DNA molecule of claim 11;

culturing the host cell in a nutrient medium so that the mammalian INGAP protein is expressed; and

harvesting the mammalian INGAP protein from the host cells or the nutrient medium.

41. A method of treating diabetic mammals, comprising:

administering to a diabetic mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an INGAP protein to stimulate growth of islet cells.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein said mammal has insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

43. The method of claim 41 wherein said mammal has non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

44. A method of growing pancreatic islet cells in culture, comprising:

supplying an INGAP protein to a culture medium for growing pancreatic islet cells; and

growing islet cells in said culture medium comprising INGAP protein.

45. A method of enhancing the life span of pancreatic islet cells encapsulated in a polycarbon shell, comprising:

adding to said encapsulated pancreatic islet cells an *INGAP* protein in an amount sufficient to enhance the survival rate or survival time of said pancreatic islet cells.

46. A method of enhancing the number of pancreatic islet cells in a mammal, comprising:

administering a DNA molecule which encodes an *INGAP* protein to a pancreas in a mammal.

47. The method of claim 46 wherein said DNA molecule has the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

48. The method of claim 46 wherein said *INGAP* protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

49. A method of enhancing the number of pancreatic islet cells in a mammal, comprising:

administering an *INGAP* protein to a pancreas in a mammal.

50. The method of claim 49 wherein said *INGAP* protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

51. A transgenic mammal which comprises an *INGAP* gene of a second mammal.

52. The transgenic mammal of claim 51 wherein the *INGAP* gene has the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

53. The transgenic mammal of claim 51 wherein the *INGAP* gene is expressed to a higher level than any endogenous *INGAP* gene of said mammal.

54. A non-human mammal which has been genetically engineered to contain an insertion or deletion mutation of an *INGAP* gene of said mammal.

55. A method of identifying individual mammals at risk for diabetes, comprising:

identifying a mutation in an *INGAP* gene of a sample of an individual mammal, said mutation causing a structural abnormality in an *INGAP* protein

encoded by said gene or causing a regulatory defect leading to diminished or obliterated expression of said *INGAP* gene.

- 56. The method of claim 55 wherein said sample is a blood sample.
- 57. The method of claim 55 wherein said sample is amniotic fluid.
- 58. The method of claim 55 wherein said sample is chorionic villus.
- 59. The method of claim 55 wherein said sample is from a blastocyst.
- 60. The method of claim 55 wherein said sample is pancreatic cells.
- 61. A method of detecting *INGAP* protein in a sample from a mammal,

comprising:

contacting said sample with an antibody preparation according to claim 33.

62. The method of claim 61 wherein a predetermined amount of a polypeptide comprising at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian *INGAP* protein is also contacted with said sample.

63. The method of claim 62 wherein said polypeptide is detectably labeled.

64. The method of claim 61 wherein said antibody preparation comprises antibodies which are bound to a solid support.

65. The method of claim 62 wherein said antibody preparation comprises antibodies which are bound to a solid support.

66. The method of claim 65 further comprising the step of:
detecting labeled polypeptide which is not bound to the solid support.

67. A method of treating isolated islet cells of a mammal to avoid apoptosis of said cells, comprising:

contacting isolated islet cells of a mammal with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein, substantially purified from other mammalian proteins, in an amount sufficient to increase the survival rate of said isolated islet cells.

68. A method of treating a mammal receiving a transplant of islet cells, comprising:

administering a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein to a mammal receiving a transplant of islet cells, wherein said step of administering is performed before, during, or after said transplant.

69. The method of claim 68 wherein said step of administering is performed intravenously.

70. The method of claim 68 wherein said step of administering is performed by local perfusion to the site of said transplant.

71. The method of claim 68 wherein said step of administering is via the portal vein.

72. The method of claim 71 wherein islet cells are concomitantly transplanted via the portal vein.

73. A method of inducing differentiation of β cell progenitors, comprising:

contacting a culture of pancreatic duct cells comprising β cell progenitors with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins, to induce differentiation of said β cell progenitors.

74. A method of treating a mammal with pancreatic endocrine failure, comprising:

contacting a preparation of pancreatic duct cells comprising β cell progenitors isolated from a mammal afflicted with pancreatic endocrine failure with a preparation of a mammalian *INGAP* protein substantially free of other mammalian proteins to induce differentiation of said β cell progenitors; and autologously transplanting said treated pancreatic duct cells into said mammal.

75. An antisense construct of a mammalian *INGAP* gene comprising:
a promoter, a terminator, and a nucleotide sequence consisting of a mammalian *INGAP* gene, said nucleotide sequence being between said promoter

and said terminator, said nucleotide sequence being inverted with respect to said promoter, whereby upon expression from said promoter an mRNA complementary to native mammalian *INGAP* mRNA is produced.

76. A method of treating nesidioblastosis comprising:
administering to a mammal with nesidioblastosis an antisense construct according to claim 75, whereby overgrowth of β cells of said mammal is inhibited.

77. A kit for detecting a mammalian *INGAP* protein in a sample from a mammal, comprising:

an antibody preparation which is specifically immunoreactive with a mammalian *INGAP* protein;

a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian *INGAP* protein.

78. The kit of claim 77 wherein said polypeptide is detectably labeled.

79. The kit of claim 77 wherein said antibody preparation comprises antibodies which are bound to a solid support.

80. A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pancreatic insufficiency, comprising:

a mammalian *INGAP* protein in a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

81. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80 wherein the *INGAP* protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

82. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a preparation of a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids of a mammalian *INGAP* protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

83. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82 wherein said polypeptide is a fusion of said sequence to a second polypeptide derived from a second protein.

84. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82 wherein said polypeptide is conjugated to a second polypeptide.

85. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82 wherein said polypeptide has a biological activity of said mammalian INGAP protein.

86. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 85 wherein said biological activity is the ability to stimulate pancreatic duct cells to grow and proliferate.

87. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82 wherein said polypeptide comprises amino acids #103 to #122 of the mammalian INGAP protein as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

88. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82 wherein said polypeptide comprises at least 130 consecutive amino acids of said mammalian INGAP protein.

89. A method of identifying β cell progenitors, comprising:
contacting a population of pancreatic duct cells with a preparation of a mammalian INGAP protein; and
detecting cells from among said population to which said INGAP specifically binds.

90. The method of claim 89 wherein said INGAP protein is detectably labeled.

91. The method of claim 89 wherein said INGAP protein is immobilized on a solid phase.

92. The preparation of claim 1 wherein the INGAP protein is from human and comprises amino acid sequences 1 to 83 and 124 to 174 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

93. The preparation of claim 1 wherein the INGAP protein is from human and comprises in a N-terminal to C-terminal orientation: amino acids 1 to 83 in SEQ ID NO:2, 40 amino acids, and amino acids 124 to 174 in SEQ ID NO:2.

94. The DNA molecule of claim 11 wherein the INGAP protein is from human.

95. The DNA molecule of claim 94 wherein said INGAP protein comprises amino acid sequences 1 to 83 and 124 to 174 in SEQ ID NO:2.

96. The DNA molecule of claim 94 wherein said INGAP protein comprises in an N-terminal to C-terminal orientation amino acids: 1 to 83 in SEQ ID NO:2, 40 amino acids, and amino acids 124 to 174 in SEQ ID NO:2.

97. The DNA molecule of claim 24 which encodes an amino acid sequence selected from those of amino acids 1 to 83 and 124 to 174 in SEQ ID NO:2.

98. The DNA molecule of claim 11 which comprises nucleotides 4 to 268 and 389 to 629 of SEQ ID NO:1.

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CTGCAAGACA GGTACCATG	ATG CTT CCC ATG ACC CTC TGT AGG ATG TCT TGG	52
	Met Leu Pro Met Thr Leu Cys Arg Met Ser Trp	
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ATG CTG CTT TCC TGC CTG ATG TTC CTT TCT TGG GTG GAA GGT GAA GAA	100	
Met Leu Leu Ser Cys Leu Met Phe Leu Ser Trp Val Glu Gly Glu Glu		
	15 20 25	
TCT CAA AAG AAA CTG CCT TCT TCA CGT ATA ACC TGT CCT CAA GGC TCT	148	
Ser Gln Lys Lys Leu Pro Ser Ser Arg Ile Thr Cys Pro Gln Gly Ser		
	30 35 40	
GTA GCC TAT GGG TCC TAT TGC TAT TCA CTG ATT TTG ATA CCA CAG ACC	196	
Val Ala Tyr Gly Ser Tyr Cys Tyr Ser Leu Ile Leu Ile Pro Gln Thr		
	45 50 55	
TGG TCT AAT GCA GAA CTA TCC TGC CAG ATG CAT TTC TCA GGA CAC CTG	244	
Trp Ser Asn Ala Glu Leu Ser Cys Gln Met His Phe Ser Gly His Leu		
	60 65 70 75	
GCA TTT CTT CTC AGT ACT GGT GAA ATT ACC TTC GTG TCC TCC CTT GTG	292	
Ala Phe Leu Leu Ser Thr Gly Glu Ile Thr Phe Val Ser Ser Leu Val		
	80 85 90	
AAG AAC AGT TTG ACG GCC TAC CAG TAC ATC TGG ATT GGA CTC CAT GAT	340	
Lys Asn Ser Leu Thr Ala Tyr Gln Tyr Ile Trp Ile Gly Leu His Asp		
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GGCTGTAACC TAAAGGCTCA GAGAACAATAA ATAAATGTC ATCAAC	747

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INGAP	MLPMTLC-RMSWMLLSCLMFLSWVEGEESQKKLPSS	35
PAP-I	MLHRLAFPVMSWMLLSCLMLLSQVQGEDSPKKIPSA	36
PAP-H/HIP	MLPPMALPSVSWMLLSCLMLLSQVQGEEPQRELP	36
PAP-III	MLPRVALTTMSWMLLSCLMLLSQVQGEDAKEDVPTS	36
PAP-II	MLPRLSFNNVSWTLLYYLFIF-QVRGEDSQKAVPST	35
REG/LITH	----MT-RNKYFILLSCLMVLSPSQGQEAEDLP	31
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INGAP	RITCPQGSVAYGSYCYSLILIPQTWSNAELSCQM	71
PAP-I	RISCPKGSQAYGSYCYALFQIPQTFDAELACQKR	72
PAP-H/HIP	RIRCPKGSKAYGSHCYALFLSPKSWTDADLACQKR	72
PAP-III	RISCPKGSRAYGSYCYALFSVSKSWFDADLACQKR	72
PAP-II	RTSCPMGSKAYRSYCYTLVTTLKSQFQADLACQKR	71
REG/LITH	RITCPEGSNAYSSYCYFMEHLSWAEADLFCQNMN	67
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INGAP	SGHLAFLSTGEITFVSSLVKNSLTAYQYIWIGLHD	107
PAP-I	EGHLVSVLNVAEASFLASMVKNTGNSYQYIWIGLHD	108
PAP-H/HIP	SGNLVSVLSGAEGSFVSSLVKSIGNSYSYVWIGLHD	108
PAP-III	SGHLVSVLSGSEASFVSSSLIKSSGNSGQNVWIGLHD	108
PAP-II	SGHLVSVLSGGEASFVSSLVTGRVNNNQDIWIWGLHD	107
REG/LITH	SGYLVSVLSQAEGNFLASLIKESGTTAANVWIGLHD	103
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INGAP	PSHGTLPNNGSGWKWSSSNVLTFFYNWERNP	143
PAP-I	PTLGGEPNNGGGWEWSNNDIMNYVNWERNP	144
PAP-H/HIP	PTQGTEPNNGEGWEWSNNDIMNYFAWERNP	144
PAP-III	PTLGQEPNRRGGWEWSNADVMNYFNWETNP	143
PAP-II	PTMGQQPNNGGGWEWSNSDVLNLYLNWDGDP	143
REG/LITH	P-----KNRRWHWSSGSLFLYKSWDTGYP	134
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INGAP	YCAVLSQKSGFQKWRDFNCENELPYICKFKV	175
PAP-I	FCGSLSRSSGFLRWRDTTCEVKLPYVCKFTG	176
PAP-H/HIP	HCASLSRSTAFRLWKDYN CNVRLPYVCKFTD	176
PAP-III	HCGTLTRASGFLRWRENNCISELPYVCKFKA	175
PAP-II	NCGSLTATSEFLKWGDHCDVELPFVCKFKQ	175
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